

DALLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #327
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2026 – 6:30 P.M.
ROOM 44

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members answering roll were:

Phillip Butler	Present	Sarah Schaefer	Present
Bob Castillo	Present	Cathie Smith	Present
Scott Faul	Absent	Lee Wibbell	Present
Erica Ferguson	Absent		

Also present were: Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Woolson, Mrs. Ryner, Mrs. Finch, Christian Balmer, and Chris Greenhalge.

A moment of silence was observed.

Christian Balmer updated the board on his plans to replace disc golf baskets this summer and asked for board input.

Mrs. Tucker discussed sharing Mrs. Woolson with Bushnell PC School District so that she can supervise a school psychologist. Bushnell would pay for the time. This would be a temporary situation but would last the entire year. Mr. Castillo directed Mrs. Tucker to use the lawyer to draw up the contract.

The consent agenda was presented to the board for review. A motion was made by Butler, seconded by Schaefer, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as amended (Roll Call).

Phillip Butler	Yea	Sarah Schaefer	Yea
Bob Castillo	Yea	Cathie Smith	Yea
Scott Faul	Absent	Lee Wibbell	Yea
Erica Ferguson	Absent		

Motion carried 5 Yeas, 2 Absent

The board did not approve the minutes from the January 12, 2026 Joint Athletic Committee Meeting. The board wanted to email LaHarpe and let them know that some information was not added to the minutes.

The Bills were presented to the Board for payment. A motion was made by Butler, seconded by Wibbell, to pay the bills as presented (Roll Call).

Phillip Butler	Yea	Sarah Schaefer	Yea
Bob Castillo	Yea	Cathie Smith	Yea

Scott Faul	Absent	Lee Wibbell	Yea
Erica Ferguson	Absent		

Motion carried 5 Yeas, 2 Absent

The Board Member Code of Conduct rule number 11 from the IASB Code of Conduct Principles was read.

Chris Greenhalge updated the board on plans to improve the batting cage area. There has also been discussion about lights around the concession stand area. The Ball Association is planning to install some solar lights. Chris expects the season to begin May 1st with T-Ball.

A motion was made by Schaefer, seconded by Butler, to approve the 2026-2027 School Calendar as presented.

Phillip Butler	Yea	Sarah Schaefer	Yea
Bob Castillo	Yea	Cathie Smith	Yea
Scott Faul	Absent	Lee Wibbell	Yea
Erica Ferguson	Absent		

Motion carried 5 Yeas, 2 Absent

The finance committee will meet again on Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Sarah Schaefer and Bob Castillo are the members on the committee.

A motion was made by Butler, seconded by Wibbell, to approve the Audit Services of Gorenz and Associates, Ltd, for \$16,900 a year as presented (Roll Call).

Phillip Butler	Yea	Sarah Schaefer	Yea
Bob Castillo	Yea	Cathie Smith	Yea
Scott Faul	Absent	Lee Wibbell	Yea
Erica Ferguson	Absent		

Motion carried 5 Yeas, 2 Absent

Mrs. Carroll has requested we purchase health workbooks. We had previously received them for free. This is no longer a possibility. The board agreed to go ahead with the purchase of the books.

Mrs. Tucker read her Superintendent's report.

A motion was made by Butler, seconded by Schaefer, to enter the Closed Meeting at 7:53 p.m. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(10) (Roll Call).

Phillip Butler	Yea	Sarah Schaefer	Yea
Bob Castillo	Yea	Cathie Smith	Yea

Scott Faul	Absent	Lee Wibbell	Yea
Erica Ferguson	Absent		

Motion carried 5 Yeas, 2 Absent

A motion was made by Butler, seconded by Schaefer, to adjourn the closed meeting and return to open meeting on February 19, 2026, at 8:42 p.m. (Voice)

The Personnel Report was presented to the board. A motion was made by Schaefer, seconded by Butler, to approve the Personnel Report as presented (Roll Call).

Phillip Butler	Yea	Sarah Schaefer	Yea
Bob Castillo	Yea	Cathie Smith	Yea
Scott Faul	Absent	Lee Wibbell	Yea
Erica Ferguson	Absent		

Motion carried 5 Yeas, 2 Absent

A motion was made by Butler, seconded by Wibbell to approve the Non-Renewal of Uncertified Contract for Ashley Balmer as amended (Roll Call).

Phillip Butler	Yea	Sarah Schaefer	Yea
Bob Castillo	Yea	Cathie Smith	Yea
Scott Faul	Absent	Lee Wibbell	Yea
Erica Ferguson	Absent		

Motion carried 5 Yeas, 2 Absent

A motion was made by Butler, seconded by Schaefer, to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. (Voice).

Motion carried 5 Yeas, 2 Absent

The Next Regular Stated School Board Meeting will be March 19, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

President, Bob Castillo

Vice President, Erica Ferguson

Approved: _____